

Soviet ransom 'price list' is published Jews say 'life getting worse'

The Soviet authorities yesterday published the official 'price-list' for academics wishing to emigrate. The list shows that most will have to wait until they return before being free of the tax.

Israeli jets blast terror bases in Syria

By HIRSH GOODMAN Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent Israeli planes yesterday morning attacked terrorist and army bases in Syria in a continuation of the Israeli offensive against the terrorists, which has left almost 1,000 killed or injured since early September.

CABINET MEETS The Cabinet yesterday held a meeting in Jerusalem in which it reviewed security matters with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Ahuf David Elazar.

Hanoi boycotts 'technical' talks until bombing stops

PARIS (UPI). — The North Vietnamese refused to meet with American peace negotiators yesterday and said they would boycott all future technical sessions as long as U.S. planes are bombing North Vietnam.

1,400 U.S. air strikes

SAIGON. — U.S. bombers blasted the Hanoi and Hai Phong areas of North Vietnam with more than 1,400 strikes and devastated scores of military targets in the first week of the renewed bombing campaign above the 20th parallel, the U.S. Command reported yesterday.

blamed the Communists for driving the talks into deadlock. French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann held a long meeting with U.S. Charge d'Affaires Jack Rubinsch 24 hours after he met with Hanoi's chief diplomat in Paris and a week after he pledged France would do all in its power to press for a negotiated settlement.

Wilson on 242: Israel's view tallies with then U.K. gov't

By SEAYA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, whose government played a key role in framing the November 22, 1967 Security Council Resolution 242, said yesterday the Israeli interpretation of that measure was "fully consistent" with what the then British gov't meant.

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Don't quit Alignment—Ya'ari

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Mapam Secretary-General Meir Ya'ari yesterday urged his party not to abandon the Alignment "lest the opportunists in the Labour Party reach a compromise with the right-wing."

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looking leaders of left-wing Socialist Zionism was replete with polemics against younger critics from his kibbutzim ("at my so-called sins of the past") but mainly against the political concepts of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

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All incidents from Syria over the past few weeks were carried out by the Jabril branch of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, it was learned.

Three Syrians said killed

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter A military spokesman in Damascus said last night that three Syrian civilians were killed and two soldiers wounded in Israel's air raid on southern Syria yesterday morning.

Three Egyptian POWs returned

Three Egyptian prisoners of war were yesterday returned to Egypt across the Suez Canal at Kantara under the auspices of the International Red Cross.

FRESH 'IDENTIFICATION': Skull belongs to Martin Bormann

BERLIN. — West German judicial authorities have definitely identified a skull recently found in West Berlin as that of Adolf Hitler's deputy, Martin Bormann, the West German magazine "Stern" said yesterday.

technician who assisted in treating Bormann had recognized his own handwriting in the dentures of the first skull.

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Two more Jews held as spies

By YOEL DAE Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Two more Jews have been arrested in connection with the espionage and sabotage ring that was uncovered in the North earlier this month.

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'Politics' blamed in high cost of housing

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Housing Minister Zeev Sharef told the Knesset yesterday that Israel was "going through an almost tragic period of rising housing prices."

Replying in the Knesset yesterday to three urgent motions for the agenda about price increases in the cost of apartments for young couples after the signing of the contract, Mr. Sharef rejected opposition charges that companies associated with his Ministry had delayed the completion of apartments on speculative grounds.

He claimed that he personally favoured regulation of the building trade such as existed in Holland or Sweden. However, he added quickly, the opposition would at once protest that regulation would stifle private initiative.

Mr. Sharef shrugged off all responsibility for the latest Histadrut Ovdim "affair involving the Histadrut housing corporation's Kiryat Remes project in Haifa. (It was alleged that relatives of important Labour Party functionaries jumped the queue and got flats.)

He said there was no law to force Shikun Ovdim to sell its flats to anybody in particular, especially since it did not use investment capital raised from Treasury-backed bonds or State budgets. Shikun Ovdim was not a public company, whatever the State Comptroller said.

He discounted charges about the allegedly steep price rises demanded by Shikun Ovdim, and quoted much lower figures than reported in the press or claimed in the debate.

Mr. Zvi Zimmerman (Gahal) said the whole matter of housing for young couples and immigrants was

"social dynamite." In the Haifa area alone, he said, there had been three incidents involving young couples' housing in the past two months.

Prices had gone up 40 per cent between the time the couples signed contracts and the time the apartments were ready, Mr. Zimmerman said. Instead of monthly payments of IL160 on the mortgage, they would have to pay IL396.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) quoted the State Comptroller's criticism of State housing being allocated at different prices to different people, with the reductions going to the families of officials and civil servants who had the right recommendations.

Mr. Tamir asked why the Housing Ministry should have to import caravans for immigrants if the situation was so good in Israel that unmarried persons with "pull" could get cheap apartments which they did not even live in, built by a public housing company on State lands.

Mr. Zaiman Shoval accused the Government and public housing companies of speculating at the expense of the low-income groups. He charged the public housing companies with fixing different prices for the same type of apartments depending on whether a young couple bought the apartment or the relative of some party charged here.

The three motions were voted to Committee.

Two Members whose names were mentioned in connection with the Shikun Ovdim affair — Messrs. Abraham Ofer and Moshe Wertman (both Alignment) stayed away from the debate.

Mr. Tamir, by implication, described Mr. Ofer as a "boss with underworld connections."



Harold Wilson and Golda Meir at the meeting of the Labour Party Central Committee in Tel Aviv yesterday.

HAROLD WILSON: 'Labour government would revise EEC agreement'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson met the Histadrut Central Committee here yesterday and spoke exclusively on Britain's Labour Party bid to gain back the majority it lost in 1969.

Once in power, Mr. Wilson predicted, Labour will ask for the revision of Britain's agreement with the European Common Market, of whose French-dominated policies were bound to adversely influence food imports to Britain. "If we fail, we shall put the issue to a referendum — for the majority of the British people are against the EEC," he added. There were political leaders in Britain, he said, who argue that one has to please certain European partners. "Those were the same ones who obliged Britain to vote against Israel in the U.N. — for the same reason," Mr. Wilson said.

One of the reasons Labour lost the election, according to Mr. Wilson, was that housewives fell victim to a clever campaign accusing the inflation to the Labour government. "In fact, in the six years of Labour government, the Cost-of-Living rose by four and a half per cent, during

the two and a half years of the Tory rule, inflation grew by 23 per cent." However, Mr. Wilson said, the loss of the election drove the Labour Party and the Trade Union Congress closer together.

Mr. Wilson said that when Labour returns to power, it will repeal the anti-strikes law, which "makes tyrants of people who should not be allowed to gain public sympathy." To fight speculative use of building sites, Labour proposes to nationalise land, Mr. Wilson said. Unemployment, he said, should be solved by social regional development. "We shall not be caught again by surprise by economic problems, as we did in 1964," Mr. Wilson commented.

Astronaut Irwin: 'Jesus is way to God'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Astronaut James Irwin, concluding a Christmas visit to the Holy Land, last night told reporters, "It is through Jesus Christ that man can get to know God."

The 43-year-old American moon explorer appeared at Jerusalem's Mount Scopus Hotel at a press conference arranged by High Flight Inc., a Baptist-sponsored foundation aimed at drawing Christians closer to the principles of their faith.

Colonel Irwin, who is president of High Flight, was accompanied by the organization's executive director, Rev. William Rittenhouse, and Dr. Robert Lindsay, Chairman of the Baptist Convention in Israel.

Col. Irwin said now that his work with the space programme has ended he devotes all his time to propagating the message of High Flight. He said that message was: "God is good. God answers prayer. God created a unique planet called earth and we humans must preserve it."

Of his visit to Israel, Col. Irwin said: "As I looked out at the Judean Desert I was reminded of the beauty on the moon. It was a thrilling experience to walk along the same ways that Jesus did."

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, probability of rain in the afternoon.

Weather synopsis: Upper trough extending from Russia to East Mediterranean, deepening and moving south-easterly.

Yesterday's Maximum	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem 19	12-18	15-20
Golan 15	8-12	10-15
Nahariya 18	11-16	14-19
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Jericho 27	20-26	23-29
Geza 27	20-26	23-29
Beerseba 24	17-24	20-27
Beit 24	17-24	20-27
Tiran 28	21-29	24-31

Social and Personal

President Shazar yesterday received Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon. The Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and Mrs. Edward Ginsburg called on Mr. Shazar on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister of the Province of New Brunswick in Canada, Mr. Richard Hatfield, yesterday called on Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir.

Mr. Hatfield also visited the Hebrew University and called on the Vice-President, Mr. Bernard Cherrick.

Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir will be made a Freeman of Beerseba at a ceremony this afternoon, dedicating the Negev city's new City Hall.

Prof. Manuel Ballesteros, of Madrid, will lecture on "The Palaces of Chinchero" (in Spanish) today, at 7 p.m. in Beit Shalom, 20 Ahad Ha'am St., Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Department of Spanish Studies.

We wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to all who expressed sympathy and condolences on the death of our dear Dr. Fritz Yitzhak Ullman.

Lotta, Raya and Uri Ullman (Communicated)

BIRTH

GOODMAN — To Beulah and Hersh, a sister to Shal, born at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem on December 27.

TWO DEAD ON ROADS

Two persons were killed in separate road accidents in the central part of the country in the past 48 hours.

Chaslava Galitza, 60, of Nes Ziona was killed yesterday afternoon when the car she was riding in collided with another private vehicle in Rishon LeZion. The accident occurred at the corner of Ruppin and Horowitz, where a car driven by a young man from Bat Yam crashed into the Galitza's car (the victim's husband, Yitzhak, 64, was driving at the time). Yitzhak Galitza was seriously injured and hospitalized at Assaf Harofeh. Two passengers in the other car were also slightly hurt.

On Tuesday night Yihye Harazi, 52, of Rosh Ha'ayin was run over as he tried to cross the Beit Dagon-Rishon LeZion road. He was hit near the entrance to the Volcani Institute at 8 p.m. The driver of the car that hit him, a 42-year-old man, was detained.

Stress on hospital's role in health care decried

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The hospital should be only one component of a modern health-care system, not its core, American health expert Dr. Cecil Sheps told medical personnel here yesterday.

Dr. Sheps, vice-chancellor of health services at the University of North Carolina, was speaking to 100 Israeli and foreign doctors and professors at the opening session of the current Batsheva health seminar at the University of the Negev.

The American medical educator said that it was a common misconception that hospitals must play the central role in health care. Instead, he said, it should be only a component in a community health system which, he added, has yet to be developed.

This view was seconded by Harvard medical economics professor Dr. Rashi Fein, who said "the hospital has to be involved in community health care, but should not

Weizman and Begin reach agreement

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The rift in Herut between Menachem Begin and Mr. Ezer Weizman was healed at a meeting of the top party leaders late last night. It was decided to nominate Mr. Begin to the post of chairman of the Party Executive and Mr. Weizman, the former Executive chairman and Haim Landau, M.K., are to bring before the next meeting of the Central Committee.

Mr. Begin "will remain in that post until after the elections to the Eighth Knesset," the spokesman said.

Mr. Weizman is to be nominated to head the party's election campaign headquarters.

All those who took part in last night's meeting — Mr. Begin, Mr. Weizman, Mr. Landau, Eitan Livni, Yosef Kremerman and Yitzhak Shamir — will be members of the Executive, which will be nominated "within a reasonable period of time" and approved by the Central Committee.

Last night's meeting also resolved that "there will no longer be any factions within Herut."

Slightly fewer welfare cases

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The percentage of welfare recipients in the population has dipped slightly from 2.8 in November 1971 to 2.7 this November, the Welfare Ministry spokesman said last night.

The Ministry last month disbursed IL4.3m. in regular payments to 23,000 families and single persons (a total of 91,000 souls). This number included 211 immigrant families.

Israel XI beats Greek champs 1-0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The national soccer Selected scored its second consecutive win last night. A 28th minute goal by Moshe Onana gave Israel a 1-0 victory over Panathinaikos, the Greek champions.

Ten thousand fans braved the cold at the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa to see the home team score a well-deserved victory. In fact, Israel should have been four goals in the lead by halftime. Only extremely poor heading and lack of composure kept the score down.

The Panathinaikos defence was vulnerable, especially in the first half. The Greek attack rarely spelt danger to Rosen, Primo and Visoker.

In the second half, Panathinaikos played a much more forceful game, and on two occasions the Israel goal had narrow escapes.

In the 77th minute Dani's header from a free kick by Shara-bazi was saved by Constantino, the Greek international keeper. Shara-bazi was just wide with a 20 metres shot and hit the post with a free kick from 18 metres. A Shara-bazi header was just wide before Onana finally headed Israel into the lead from a centre from Shara-bazi.

The big news of the day was by Gideon Danti a minute before halftime. Danti was put clean through and had only Constantino to beat, but shot straight at the agile keeper.

Yitzhak Shum was outstanding in midfield with Abba Gindim again playing a fine game in both defence and attack. Domoas and Eleferakis were best for Panathinaikos.

Shaare Zedek compiles first drug index

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem has compiled the first computerized prescription index in the country, the hospital announced yesterday.

The index establishes standards for the use of all the many drugs available here. It lists indications, counterindications and standard dosages for all entries, and is also classified according to diseases.

One of the advantages of the new book — now available to all doctors in the hospital — is that it lists all the various trade names for any given prescription (in some cases there are as many as seven different names for the same drug).

Direct vote for mayors bill ready

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The draft bill for the direct election of mayors was virtually completed in Knesset committee yesterday, ready to be voted into law. Its main sponsor, the Alignment's Mordechai Ben-Porat, has secured a party commitment that it will come up before the controversial surplus votes bill (See page 8).

In the Law, Constitution and Justice Committee yesterday, the Labour wing of the Alignment mustered a comfortable majority to vote down a series of filibustering amendments by Maspam and Gahal. These were mainly aimed at either deferring direct election of mayors till 1977, or introducing the reform experimentally in 1973 only in three or four towns.

In the Alignment faction caucus, Mr. Ben-Porat seized the opportunity to get a commitment from chief whip Moshe Saran that the bill would not be held back.

Mr. Ben-Porat told The Post: "I've slaved at this bill for the past six years and I'm not going to let it slip out of my hands now."

The mayoral elections bill needs an ordinary and not an absolute majority (like the surplus votes bill).

Compensation to eight former Ikrit villagers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Eight families who were evacuated from the Lebanese border village of Ikrit in 1948 have accepted Government offers of compensation in the past few months. Two more families who had agreed to accept alternate lands in the Galilee village of Rama have backed down under social pressure.

Several months ago the Government issued its definitive "no" to requests from the former residents of Ikrit and nearby Bir'im to be allowed back to the homes they were evicted from during the War of Independence. Ever since, the Public Committee for the Return to Ikrit and Bir'im has lobbied among the villagers to get them to resist any deal whereby they would relinquish their rights against compensation in land elsewhere or in money.

Reliable sources said the two families from Ikrit had reached agreement with the Lands Administration and then reneged in the face of disapproval from other villagers.

Down through the years, about 65 per cent of the villagers from Ikrit accepted compensation. The comparable figure for Bir'im is much less, about 10 per cent.

Warning strike idles Hadera tire factory

Some 800 workers at the Alliance-Hadera tire plant staged a one-day wildcat warning strike yesterday to warn changes in the work contract they had just signed.

In Beit Shemesh the alphas engine plant remained closed for the third day by a wildcat walkout.

Mr. Yona Zion of the Hadera Labour Council said the strike had produced a list of 18 changes it wanted in the 1972-73 contract signed a few months ago by the previous committee.

The management said it will not talk to the present works committee without the presence of the Council.

Beit Shemesh Engines head Yosef Shidlovsky expressed his regret over the strike at a plant he established "to help Israel defend herself by herself." The workers themselves who walked out after eight months of contract negotiations, complained of "lack of communication."

RAID

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tember Israel has attacked a total of 33 terrorist bases in Syria and Lebanon leaving over 1,000 dead and injured. Terrorists are thought to account for at least half the number of casualties, and a "high percentage" of the deaths. Syrian and Lebanese soldiers, and civilians make up the rest of the total.

Syria has complete control of all terrorist actions conducted against Israel from its territory, and the Syrian army is known to actively aid the terrorists, both with arms, ammunition and intelligence. Up to now it has been the Syrian's policy to allow terrorist raids into Israel which they considered large enough to satisfy Arab and Palestinian opinion, but too small to warrant Israeli retaliation.

Over the past three months, however, Israel has been adhering to a policy of "disproportionate retaliation" in an attempt to not only keep the borders quiet, but to try and liquidate the terrorist movements entirely. Since September the Lebanese border has been completely quiet, while only minor incidents have been reported along Israel's frontier with Syria.

Key witness 'disappears' in murder trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — One of the central prosecution witnesses in the trial of two Migdal Ha'emek youths for the murder of a new-immigrant soldier has disappeared.

The District Court here was notified that the witness Mira Kamtanz, could not testify because she had been "injured in a traffic accident." But the Assistant District Attorney reported yesterday that the police have no record of any accident in which the witness may have been injured. Furthermore, he said, police went to the woman's home, but no one there knew where she was or what had happened to her.

Miss Kamtanz was to have testified against Meir Levi and Avraham Azulai, both aged 19, who are accused of killing Mishke Garon (Green) in a Migdal Ha'emek clubhouse last September. Garon, 18, a recent immigrant from Russia, had been decorating the clubhouse for a party when Azulai and Meir allegedly burst in and picked a fight. Garon was killed by a broken bottle which severed an artery in his neck.

Meir is charged with murder; Azulai, with manslaughter.

Miss Kamtanz was not the first witness in this trial to run into "difficulties." Eyewitness Paulina Rovina was the victim of an attempted kidnapping 10 days ago, the prosecutor told the court. Her would-be abductors fled when she started to scream.

The trial was adjourned until this morning. (Tish)

Marine officers strike Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Marine Officers' Union yesterday threatened to call all marine officers in Israel on January 1 out on strike, if the Histadrut does not extend recognition to their Union. It split away from the Seamen's Union a month ago.

The union spokesman, Mr. Moshe Gutter, announced that the strike will include port pilots and all officers employed by shipping companies and institutions, including the maritime schools. The Union represents all marine officers and masters.

Truman and Israel

President Harry Truman, who died this week, has been described as a "great friend of the Jewish People."

I. L. Keren describes the effect of Truman's immediate recognition of the State of Israel, and his relations with the Zionist community, in tomorrow's

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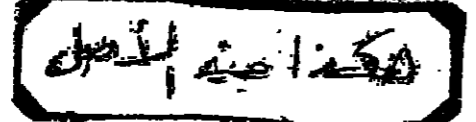
IN SORROW, WE ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF THE HEAD OF OUR FAMILY
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The funeral will leave the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, today, Thursday, December 28, 1972, at 2.15 p.m. for the Cemetery on the Bat Yam-Holon boundary.

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A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 31, 1972 at 5 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, Tel Aviv. We shall meet at the Cemetery entrance.
MILLY BROZA and Family.



Small factions begin fight against surplus votes bill

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Two parliamentary blocs are gearing up for the loudest and fiercest confrontation in the life of the present Knesset. They are fighting the amendment to the 1973 Elections Bill regarding distribution of surplus votes at this time.

Three no-confidence motions led yesterday by three small opposition factions — to come up Monday — brought to a head parliamentary tussle over a bill which will tend to make big parties and small parties smaller.

The three factions — the Free List, the State List and the New Democrats — are the no-confidence motions as part of a strategy to delay the surplus votes as long as possible.

Under the House Rules, no-confidence motions take precedence over other items on the agenda. The factions decided to table their bills after the passage of the bill, and to defer first reading from next week to next week after a similar attack by eight small factions to the bill likewise proved fruitless.

A Surplus Votes Bill, tabled as a vote of confidence in the government by the Alignment and the Likud, has been approved in the Law, Constitution and Elections Committee for its first reading. The Alignment and Gahal have up their minds to go ahead with the first reading on Monday, if the House has to sit past midnight.

N.E.P. JOINS FIGHT

N.E.P. faction has meanwhile joined in a unanimous vote to table the surplus votes bill in the present election system are those won by an electoral list in which a number of seats, but less than would be required for a seat.

Alignment and Gahal hope such a law to settle perceptions with certain of the factions, and increase their representation at the same time. Alignment leaders, like Mr. Gahal, who heads the Sapir-Labour Party "machine," entertain the slim hope a bill could even give them an absolute majority in the 1973 elections. This betrays the argument that the change-over to the new system is superfluous.

SEE YESKAYAHU

legation representing the factions, called on Speaker Yeskayahu yesterday morning asked him to defer the bill until the week after next Monday. These are according to a party key, from three factions only.

otions represented were the Aguda, Poale Aguda, the Communists, Centre, Ha'olam Hazeh and the Likud.

alking the delegation he think about it, the Speaker informed the Alignment and Gahal objected to a deferred bill. The small factions should be on the matter out with the agenda will be fixed Speaker and his deputies, next Monday. These are according to a party key, from three factions only.

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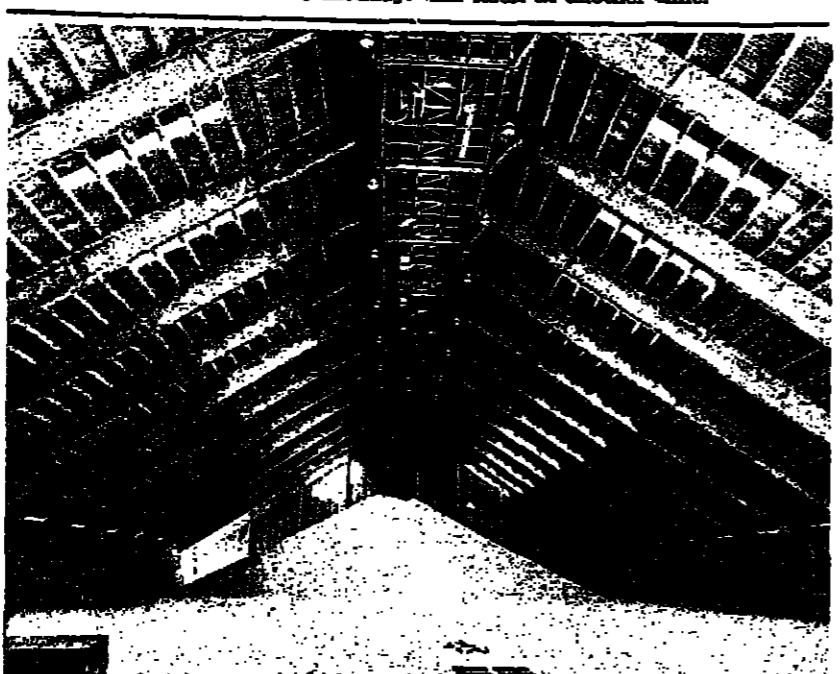
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— the Alignment, Gahal and the N.R.P.

The Alignment Knesset faction has alerted its members to turn up in strength on Monday to ensure an absolute majority (of 61 votes at least) along with Gahal. In theory the Alignment can command 56 votes, plus four more votes from its affiliated Arab and Druze lists, plus 28 Gahal votes — more than ample.

Although there are three no-confidence motions with different wordings coming up on Monday, the Alignment strategists have decided to try and get the three debated simultaneously to save time.

They called in Attorney-General Meir Shamgar, who checked the House Rules over with them, and observed that the Rules left this possibility open. Accordingly, the Alignment and Gahal will have their first confrontation with the small factions over this matter in the House Committee next Monday.



Inside view of the new potash warehouse in Ashdod port. It is the largest building in Israel without internal struts. (Puchs)

NEW POTASH SHED IN ASHDOD PORT

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — "This is not only one of the biggest buildings in Israel without internal architectural supports, but the Dead Sea Works is one of the largest concerns in Israel without Governmental financial support," Mr. Haim Gvati, Minister of Development, said yesterday in dedicating a 112,000 sq. m. addition to the potash warehouse terminal here.

Mr. Gvati, who described it as the "severe birth pangs" before the Dead Sea Works got on its feet, noted that "Necessity had dreamed of 'building the Dead Sea to life.' Now, after years of public criticism that 'public funds had been wasted' in extracting and selling the potash, the criticism had taken a new turn: the company was 'losing its profits,' Mr. Gvati said.

"Any company," he said, "which has to make a living out of fluctuating world prices must set aside a reserve to tide it over those years when prices fall. Otherwise it would be wiped out," he said.

Mr. Arye Shalsh, Managing Director of the Dead Sea Works, noted that the 112,000 sq. m. extension to the existing building now made it 250 metres long. The building was 32 metres wide and could house up to 90,000 tons of potash.

A rich father no substitute for a visa

LOD AIRPORT. — Saying "My father's a rich lawyer" won't get you into Israel if you don't have a visa or any pocket money, a German youth discovered yesterday. It also doesn't help to have a drug record here, another tourist learned.

The German youth, aged about 22, arrived here before dawn by B.E.A. without either a visa — which the law requires — or the means to maintain himself. Highly surprised when police refused to let him enter the country, the would-be tourist said "my father's a rich and famous lawyer in Germany. Let me call him, and he'll send me money right away."

The police gave the youth his wish. As of yesterday it was not known whether the money had arrived.

The tourist with the drug record was sent out of the country yesterday, after apparently abandoning an attempt to set aside an order barring him entry. The youth, identified only as an American who had been arrested here on a previous visit for smoking hashish, had arrived on Friday.

He was put on a plane for home.

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Weizmann I. seminar held in Moscow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — The famous Soviet cybernetics expert, Professor Alexander Lerner, has been prevented from emigrating to Israel to take up a position waiting for him at the Weizmann Institute. Instead, he is giving weekly cybernetics seminars on behalf of the Institute in his Moscow apartment.

This was announced yesterday by Prof. Chaim L. Pekeris, head of the Institute's Department of Applied Mathematics. He said that the participants are experts in the field, most of whom studied under Prof. Lerner at the Moscow Institute of Control Sciences.

Prof. Lerner has also been asked to prepare reviews or syntheses of papers published in Soviet journals in his field. The Weizmann Institute will compensate him for all expenses he may incur and pay for any submitted for publication in scientific journals abroad.

The President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has been informed of this arrangement and asked to ensure that Prof. Lerner and other Soviet-Jewish scientists dismissed from their former posts at least be afforded the opportunity to utilize Soviet libraries.

Last year, Professor Albert Sakin, outgoing President of the Weizmann Institute, offered positions at the Institute to Prof. Lerner, his son and his daughter, all of whom are applied mathematicians.

COLD WAVE MAY BREAK

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGAN. — The recent cold wave might be over, the weatherman told "The Jerusalem Post" yesterday, "if the thermometer does not drop below zero tonight." He said this would not apply to several low-lying areas.

He even forecast the possibility of rain for tomorrow and Saturday, with some drops falling this afternoon or evening.

The forecast change of weather is credited to the appearance of clouds about six kilometers up and dry air coming from Iran and Iraq, he said.

Ardour turns to arson

NAZARETH. — A disappointed lover whose ardour drove him to love was sent to jail for six months yesterday.

Yitzhak Magal, of Kfar Gidon, had been engaged to a girl studying nursing in Afula, Naveh Keren. About six months ago, she broke the engagement.

Magal, in his frustration, smashed the show-window of a house-appliance shop in town, went to the nurses' club at the Central Emeq Hospital and demolished the television set and then set fire to a field of grain belonging to Kibbutz Merhaviva. The blaze swept over 200 dunams.

Still not satisfied, Magal tried to set fire to an almond orchard at Kfar Sulam, and, unsuccessfully, put a match to several fields near Tiberias.

The charge sheet also included an arson attempt in a barn in the Tel Aviv area.

In addition to the jail term, the District Court also gave him a one-year sentence suspended for three years and put him under the care of the probation officer for two years after his release. (16m.)

Stiffer fines for contaminated foods

HAIFA. — Elite Ltd., convicted earlier for selling an Eguzi candy-bar containing a lead seal, had its fine raised to IL1,000 by the District Court here yesterday.

The court was sitting as a court of appeals after Assistant District Attorney Z. Taglicht appealed the original fine of IL250.

Sitting in another food-contamination appeal, District Court Judges Emanuel Skolim, Avraham Friedman and Luba Fortuna also raised to IL1,000 a fine against Farides Citrus of Yavne for an unclean bottle of Sunfresh fruit drink. The original fine had also been IL250.

Police reshuffle in Jerusalem, the South

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Tat-Nitzav Haim Tavori, who has been serving as Jerusalem police commander for the past year, will take over command of the whole Southern District on January 1. He replaces Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouch who is resigning from the job after only five months in his present post.

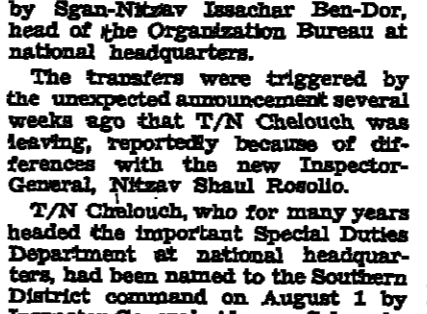
The Southern District extends from Jerusalem all the way to Eilat. Taking T/N Tavori's place in Jerusalem will be Nitzav Mishne Haim Brettenfeld, presently commander of the Patrol and Operations Division at national police headquarters. That task, in turn, will be assumed by Sgan-Nitzav Issachar Ben-Dor, head of the Organization Bureau at national headquarters.

The transfers were triggered by the unexpected announcement several weeks ago that T/N Chelouch was leaving, reportedly because of differences with the new Inspector-General, Nitzav Shaul Rosolio.

T/N Chelouch, who for many years headed the important Special Duties Department at national headquarters, had been named to the Southern District command on August 1 by Inspector-General Aharon Sela who had just assumed office. Two months later I-G Sela died of a heart attack and his deputy, Nitzav Rosolio, assumed his duties. It was shortly afterwards that T/N Chelouch, who is 51, announced his desire to resign. He has declined to give any reason publicly.

T/N Tavori has had considerable success during his year as Jerusalem commander in averting public demonstrations through his low-key approach to the Nburial Karta and other potentially volatile elements. He had been serving as deputy commander of the Southern District when he was assigned to the Jerusalem post in place of N/M Daniel Baral, who is Jewish Agency emissary in England.

N/M Brettenfeld, before assuming his present post two years ago, had served as head of the Patrol and Operations Division in the Southern District. Prior to that he had served several years as deputy Jerusalem commander.



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Current cut to western Haifa

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The reason for these purely local restrictions is the heavy demand and the shortage of transforming capacity. A second transformer will be completed, the Corporation expects, by the end of next week, when the restrictions will be lifted.

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U.S. is magnet for Israelis, survey shows

LOD AIRPORT. — At any given time there are more Israelis sampling the wonders of Disneyland and Las Vegas than there are citizens of considerably larger, industrialized countries, a recent American survey shows.

The survey results, which document the magnetic appeal of America for Israeli tourists, were released here yesterday by El A.I. Among other things they show that on a per capita basis, Israel sends eight times as many tourists to the U.S. as the U.S. sends to Israel.

In 1971, some 28,000 Israelis toured the U.S., the survey shows. This was more than came from Austria (15,000), Belgium (24,000), Greece (22,000) or Spain, all countries far larger than Israel, and no poorer. On a per capita basis, the 28,000 figure means that Israelis are eight times more likely to visit the U.S. than Americans to visit Israel.

The statistics also show that the average Israeli goes to the U.S. for pleasure (76.6 per cent), only 15.3 per cent going there on business. Students make up 5.4 per cent.

Favourite attractions are Disneyland, Hollywood and Las Vegas. Unlike American tourists who see Israel in three days, the average Israeli makes a considerably longer stay, nearly half (47.3 per cent) remaining more than a month as against only 12 per cent who stay for between three and nine days.

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Dentists' parley opens in J'lem

Some 400 dentists from North America, Europe and Israel yesterday attended the opening of the 65th annual convention of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity. This is the first time the convention is being held outside North America.

There are some 300 dentists here from the U.S., in addition to 30 from Canada, 10 from Britain and two from France. The overseas dentists were joined by some 50 Israeli colleagues.

Alpha Omega now has 12,000 active members in 70 alumni chapters and 35 undergraduate chapters, with its international headquarters in New York City.

The convention, at Jerusalem's Diplomat Hotel, ends on December 31.

The Director-General of the Tourism Ministry, Hanoch Givon, told the convention yesterday that 40,000 persons would visit Israel in 1973 to attend 80 different congresses and symposia.

MEMBERS of the newly formed Association for Civil Rights in Israel held a panel discussion on civil rights at the Jerusalem Moadon Haoleh immigrants club in Rehov Alkazi on Tuesday evening.

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London police hold Palestinian with firearm, ammo in airport

LONDON — Police yesterday charged a 24-year-old Palestinian with being in possession of a firearm without a certificate and 51 rounds of ammunition at London airport on Christmas Eve (Sunday).

Mohammed Abdul Karim Fuhaid was arrested and was being held at Ealing police station in West London. Two armed policemen were guarding the entrances to the police station yesterday and a number of Special Branch men were called in during the day.

Fuhaid will appear in court at Uxbridge, Middlesex, today.

Like Khaled, the Palestinian terrorist was also held in custody at Ealing police station for three weeks in September, 1970 after an abortive attempt to hijack an Israeli airliner over England. Miss Khaled sent Christmas cards to the staff last year and in 1970, but none was received this year.

Although Fuhaid was arrested on Sunday, police had refused to name him until yesterday, and would not give any details beyond the charge.

An airport police spokesman said the suspect was stopped by chance as he walked through the "nothing to declare" section of customs control with about 200 other passengers.

Passengers passing through London yesterday were watched carefully by police, including Scotland Yard detectives after a reported terrorist threat of an incident at Heathrow or Geneva airports.

The 35 passengers on a British

European Airways flight from Lod airport were met by three uniformed policemen.

The Arab was picked up following an Interpol tip-off. He was arrested as he walked at Heathrow for a flight to Norway. He had earlier flown in from Beirut.

Prime Minister Edward Heath called an emergency meeting with key Cabinet ministers over the Christmas holiday to make an agonizing decision whether to send the mystery Arab back to Beirut and sidestep trouble, or charge him and risk possible revenge attacks by Arab terrorists.

Mr. Heath decided to let the law take its course. Security chiefs sent out the warning to airports and airlines. (Reuter, AP)



Looters in Managua carry their goods amid the earthquake rubble of their quake-stricken city. (AP radiophoto)

Meir Paris visit may worsen Franco-Israeli relations

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS — Mrs. Golda Meir's presence at the Socialist International meeting in Paris next month threatens to further embitter links between France and Israel, the French newspaper "Le Monde" said here yesterday.

In a front-page editorial, the influential daily predicted that the unfriendly response of the Gaullists and the stiff attitude of French officials towards the Israeli Premier's visit indicated that it would halt any improvement in Franco-Israeli relations.

"Le Monde" said Mrs. Meir's presence here within a few weeks of a general election was bound to be regarded by the French government as an expression of support for the left-wing opposition.

The editorial, entitled "A very private visit," continued: "Mrs. Meir thought otherwise. She undoubtedly considered she had the right and duty, as vice-president of the Socialist International, to take part in the conference."

"There is no doubt she also thought that if her contacts were to be confined to left-wing figures, this would be entirely the responsibility of the French leaders, since they refused to receive her."

"Le Monde" paid tribute to President Georges Pompidou for improving this atmosphere by avoiding

10 JDL members arrested after ransom protest

NEW YORK — Police arrested 10 members of the Jewish Defence League on Tuesday after they chained themselves to a fence outside the Soviet mission to the United Nations, a police spokesman said.

The 10, nine men and one woman, ranging in age from 17 to 19, were booked on charges of disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly, the spokesman said. Earlier charges of criminal nuisance and loitering were dropped.

The protest was one of a series of demonstrations against the Soviet ransom tax on would-be emigrants.

The leader of the demonstration, Dov Hildin, said, "The Russian blood will flow. We are starting a new wave of attacks against Russia — this is only the beginning."

"I hope all hell doesn't break loose, but representatives of the Russian government are now open to every kind of attack by the JDL," he warned.

When asked how the demonstrators managed to sneak by the policemen who patrol the mission building, a sergeant said, "We can't shoot people for demonstrating."

(UPI, Reuter)

Bombing

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In the eight days of saturation bombing, four crewmen were killed and two wounded when the B52 crashed near the end of a runway at Thailand's Utapao airbase after struggling back from North Vietnam with battle damage, the U.S. Command said.

Since President Nixon started the new round of bombing in the north on December 18, at least four Americans have been killed, four wounded and 58 reported missing from 12 B52s and seven fighter-bombers shot down.

The U.S. Command, as usual, provided no details on the latest bombing raids, begun after a 36-hour bombing truce shortly after noon on Tuesday.

"During the 19-hour period ending at midnight (GMT) U.S. crews conducted air and naval operations against military targets in North Vietnam," was the only Command statement.

A South Vietnamese air force fighter accidentally dropped a bomb on a village about 32 km. east of Saigon yesterday and killed nine civilians. Ten others were wounded.

A Soviet trawler believed to be a spy ship appeared off northern Guam yesterday, apparently to monitor departure and arrival of B52s from the Pacific Island's Andersen Air Force Base.

Diplomats in Saigon who are in touch with officials in Hanoi said all "non-essential workers" were evacuated from the city.

The Hanoi news agency, MTL, reported what appeared to be a mass flight of civilians from Hanoi.

"Tens of thousands of inhabitants, with every conceivable means of conveyance, are fleeing from the operation scene of the new barbarous attacks," the report said.

A terrorist bomb exploded in front of the U.S. consulate at Da Nang just before midnight on Tuesday night, damaging the gate, military officials said. There were no casualties reported. (AP UPI)

Executive is kidnapped near B'Aires

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — A group of men armed with pistols yesterday kidnapped the Argentine production manager of the U.S. Standard Electric company, police said.

They said witnesses saw "about 10 or 12 men abduct Vincent Russo from his car near his home in Buenos Aires about 13 km north of downtown Buenos Aires."

The men blocked Russo's car with a pickup truck and then forced him and his chauffeur into another car and drove away.

Police said the kidnap method was similar to that used by extremist groups in several recent kidnaps.

Belgium to form ties with East Germany

BRUSSELS (UPI) — Belgium and East Germany will establish diplomatic relations, the government said yesterday. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said both countries will exchange ambassadors and agree to apply the Vienna convention of April 18, 1961, establishing general diplomatic procedures to their relations.

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CAIRO (UPI) — President Anwar Sadat yesterday visited Egypt's five Moslem and Coptic Christian spiritual leaders in an unprecedented gesture aimed at shoring up Egypt's domestic front.

The President made separate calls on Sheikh Mohammed el Fahum, rector of Al Azhar, which is the seat of Islam, and Pope Shenouda III, spiritual leader of Egypt's more than five million Copts.

During the calls, Sadat also met members of the Moslem theological research academy and the Coptic Holy Synod.

Political sources said Sadat sought to erase the communal bitterness touched off by the burning of a small church in a Cairo suburb last month and a recent clash between Moslems and Copts.

Sadat impressed on the Moslem and Coptic leaders the need for national harmony now more than ever before in view of preparations for a possible confrontation with Israel, the sources said.

The theme of national unity, including Moslem-Coptic relations, is expected to dominate the speech Sadat will make before a joint meeting of Parliament and the central committee of the Arab Socialist Union this afternoon, the sources said.

Howard Hughes in Britain

LONDON — Billionaire reclus Howard Hughes, apparently driven from his refuge in earthquake shattered Nicaragua, flew into Britain yesterday and immediately vanished, the American Embassy said.

Hughes arrived without a passport but was whisked through immigration controls at the request of the American authorities, official sources said.

The publicity-shy business tycoon and former movie mogul touched down at London's Gatwick airport shortly after midnight in his privately-owned Lockheed Jetstar executive aircraft.

Hughes, who celebrated his 67th birthday on Christmas Eve, had been holed up in an 8th floor suite in the pyramid-shaped Intercontinental Hotel in Managua, until Saturday's quake. The hotel was badly damaged and within hours Hughes' plane had whisked him out of the country. The party flew by way of Fort Lauderdale, Gender and Shannon, taking three days to reach England. (AP, UPI)

Truman's body lies in state in Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri (UPI) — The body of former U.S. President Harry S. Truman was carried yesterday in a slow, solemn procession past his home to the Truman Library where it will lie in state. Thousands of Americans lined the streets to honour and mourn him.

President Nixon and his wife Pat flew to Independence to lay a wreath at the library in the afternoon and pay their respects to the family. The Nixons planned to return to Washington four hours later and will not attend the funeral today.

Former President Lyndon Johnson, now the only living former U.S. President, his wife Lady Bird, their two daughters and their husbands also came to pay their respects.

Truman died on Tuesday at the age of 88.

Truman's body was due to lie in state, in a permanently sealed casket draped with the American flag, for 21½ hours until today.

Meanwhile, the Israel Government here is awaiting details from the U.S. as to what kind of memorial service is planned for Harry Truman before deciding who is to represent Israel.

As soon as the arrangements are completed in Washington, the Israel Embassy will inform the Government what level of representation is required — and then a party will be made up, officials in Jerusalem said last night.

Prime Minister Golda Meir sent the following cable to Mrs. Harry Truman:

"Allow me to express my personal sorrow as well as that of the people of Israel on the death of one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. He was all that a leader of a people should be. He will be remembered not only by the American people but by all mankind as one of the great men of this century. It is difficult to envisage what the world would have been like after the Nazi scourge of Europe in World War II were it not for what President Truman did to restore the countries of Europe and give new faith in the future to so many millions.

To us, the people of Israel, and may I say the entire Jewish people, his name will forever be linked with the restored sovereignty of our people.

May you and your family find solace in the fact that so many are with you in your sorrow."

Cannibalism denied by survivors' relatives

SANTIAGO — Relatives and officials yesterday denied allegations that 16 persons who survived for 10 weeks after an airplane crash in the Andes did so by eating the flesh of their dead travelling companions. The survivors said nothing.

A diplomat said the 16 Uruguayan who survived 70 days after the crash of a Uruguayan Air Force F-2 turboprop on October 13 would issue a statement after they return to Montevideo on Saturday or Sunday.

Until then, said Uruguayan Charge d'Affaires Cesar Charone, the survivors will remain in isolation in their hotel rooms.

Allegations of cannibalism began circulating shortly after news last weekend that the 16 survived the crash high on an icy Andes mountain slope. Twenty-nine of the 45 people on board were killed in the crash or died later.

Chilean police sources said the survivors ate the bodies of five passengers and the country's Air Force rescue corps on Tuesday night said its members, who reached the crash site, found six cut-up bodies on the scene.

"The foulest lie I have ever heard in my life," said Mrs. Domitila Perez, whose son Carlos was among the survivors. "Someone is trying to

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BAD YEAR FOR POMPIDOU

"It began with a wave of scandals involving some of the French President's closest aides. Then there was the lukewarm response to the referendum on the Common Market..."



By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
FRANCE says goodbye to 1972 in a mood of both apprehension and excitement. As the traditional "seillon" parties under the New Year, thoughts are already turning to the general election which is to be held in March. If the idea polls continue to show their strength in favour of Socialist-Communist electoral alliance, prospects of an end to 14 years of uninterrupted Gaullist rule...

that, if France had voted before the New Year, the Left would have picked up 46 per cent of the ballots and the Gaullists only 38, with two per cent going to the extreme right and 14 per cent to the middle-of-the-road Centreists.
The composition of the new majority will be decided in a run-off between the front runners one week after the first vote. The choice of the Centreists' supporters will be decisive: if more than a fraction of them prefer a change to another five years of Gaullism, the regime's days will be numbered.
Already sensing that his popularity was on the wane early in 1972, Pompidou decided to resort to a stratagem which General de Gaulle had repeatedly used to shore up his personal position: The Referendum. But Pompidou made a poor choice in the issue which he presented to the electorate. He asked them to state their opinion on a matter which was already almost universally approved in France: the admission of Britain and the other applicants for membership of the Common Market. The voters stayed away from the poll in droves. There had never been so many abstentions in a French poll since before the Second World War. This lukewarm response served only to further undermine Pompidou's prestige and the credibility of his Government.

ter under de Gaulle, was once regarded as a "friend of Israel" (a label attached too readily to any French Government servant who had cooperated with Jerusalem before the Six Day War).
Messier has certainly not shown any sympathy for Israel since he took over command of the Government. He has made it known that he will not receive Mrs. Golda Meir when she attends the Socialist International here in January. Messier has given a warm welcome to Libyan Premier Abdel Salam Jalloud and other Arab leaders. But he has neither invited any Israeli Minister to Paris nor offered to send a member of his Government to Jerusalem.
Mid-East policy
Although France's Middle East policy has undergone no substantive change this year — in spite of assurances to the contrary by the French Embassy in Tel Aviv — other things are certainly on the move here. Dissatisfaction with the placement who have been running the country for a decade and a half has created a desire for change which is not confined to the left. The electoral alliance of the Communist and Socialist parties has provoked no alarm outside the ranks of the Gaullists who must know that the fear of the red bogey is no longer a valid election argument.
That is why the French will be popping their champagne corks this New Year's Eve in an atmosphere of excitement about what 1973 holds in store. For the Government, the dominant feeling is one of concern. For the Opposition, it borders on an exclamation which is perhaps premature. But one thing is certain: for France the New Year is going to be much more exciting than the old.

Bribery
Suzanne Dechartre, Secretary of the Housing, also hung out her name although a civil court found her guilty of trying to bribe from a real estate agent. The French President did not ask for his resignation until 10 hours before the arrival of Elizabeth on a state visit. British Queen had let it be known that she would not shake and of a swindler. But Michel rally, another Paris Deputy, sits in the National Assembly, though he has been exposed as a multi-million dollar slaughterhouse which is pulled down within a few days of completion because the ever required it.
biggest batch of scandals revealed by Gabriel Aranda, Adviser to Albin Chalandon, Minister for National Equipment, his disgust with the Government's delivery of Mirage warplanes to Libya. Aranda produced a photocopy of letters from 4 Deputies urging Chalandon to resign. Aranda placed by their friends for a trial for divulging state secrets. But none of the public men the "Archangel Gabriel" instead for using their positions for personal profit has been brought to court.
Government's laxity in tolerating these abuses and then trying to sanction them has been a factor in the decline of public image. Pompidou spent the year wavering between a blind eye and acting to eliminate the dead wood of institutions of the regime, too late. A public opinion poll published on Saturday showed

DODGING PRETORIA'S RACE LAWS Sex playground across the colour line

By BRIAN HOWARD
EAST LONDON (Gemin) "DRIVE to the Mantenga Falls 18 km south of Mbabane for a spectacular sight," said the Swazi tourist brochure. The sight was, as promised, spectacular... and the waterfall beautiful too.
Looking for the falls, the unsuspecting tourist blundered into a covey of lovers in what was a vast playground for sex across the colour line.
In the shadow of Nyonyana — the rock of execution from which Swazi commoners were once thrown to their deaths — white South African men and their Swazi girlfriends frolicked in scenes of unabashed lovemaking. Behind every tree were picnic cloths and the woods were alive with men and women, some naked, some women only in panties and some men wearing only underpants. Everywhere men chased women and women chased men, cavorting up and down the river bank and leaping over friends, their laughter so loud at times that it even drowned out the sound of the rushing water.
Although the glare of publicity and police harassment have forced many revellers to abandon the Mantenga Falls area for more secluded spots, the traffic in sex across the colour line goes on undiminished. Every weekend streams of cars bearing licence plates from Johannesburg, Vereeniging, Pretoria and smaller South African towns carry men, young and not-so-young, through the border posts in Swaziland.
Since the Royal Swazi Casino opened six years ago in the Ezulwini Valley oasis of this impoverished African state, gambling and sex have become a multi-million rand industry.
Lesotho and now Botswana have opened hotels and casinos and are aiming at their slice of the estimated R50m. a year which Swaziland carves in foreign exchange earnings from South Africa on gambling alone. Gambling and prostitution are prohibited in puritanical white South Africa and the endogenous social taboo of sex and marriage between black and white is reinforced by legislation providing for stiff jail terms in the case of repeated contraventions.
So hurtful is the social stigma of the so-called Immorality Act that many white men commit suicide rather than face the glare of publicity created by a trial.
Because of the perils at home and because many believe black women are sexually more uninhibited than white women, South African men are tempted over the borders of Swaziland, Lesotho and Botswana in search of sex-forthills between the races.
Swazi parents, 90 per cent of them traditional, are now up in arms over the way in which their daughters are grabbed for immoral purposes and the Government has been compelled to act.
The Minister of Local Government, Prince Mfantsibili, said: "We feel a lot of injustice is being done to our Swazi girls and want to stop it." The men most of them married — either picked up the women in the street, he said, or, if they were well-to-do, even provided accommodation for them and then disappeared when the women fell pregnant, leaving them destitute.
The Swazis are drafting a bill to curb the sordid sex trade. At present the Swaziland police can act only under the common law, dealing with obscenity and prostitution on these grounds are difficult to press home. Apparently what the Swazis are seeking is a law to curb "immoral sex" between local girls and visiting white South Africans without the prohibitions which are the special shame of South Africa's Immorality Act.

Soviet scientists appeal to colleagues

An appeal for aid in combating the Soviet ransom tax has been sent to scientific societies in Israel, the U.S., England, Sweden and other countries.
The letter, signed by more than 25 well-known scientists including Benjamin Levich, Alexander Lerner and Vladimir Slepak, says the scientists were told by a Ministry of Interior official on November 20 that they would not be allowed to leave the U.S.S.R. because their emigration might "be of benefit to Israel."
The letter says: "In connection with various political and economic deals, we are used as cash. On each of us has now been placed a tag with his price, and the politicians decide whether the time has come to put us into circulation or whether we should be kept back for the time being."
Royal gift
At the conclusion of a large deal with the U.S.S.R., an American businessman, Hammer, presented to the Soviet government what he called a royal gift — a large canvas painted by Goya, and the Soviet Government, having concluded its agreement with the U.S., evidently decided to present as a gift for the presidential elections a few of our comrades, moreover, without the payment of the ransom: everyone gives what he has.
"Do our colleagues understand what choice we have: to be sold or to remain here or not forever."
"We appeal to you again and again to hasten with your intervention while the turning of human beings into goods has not yet become a customary fact and while the chorus of indignant voices is still loud. The world is not as divided as it seems. There is no iron curtain for bad ideas and our fate is not only our own misfortune but it is also a lesson for the intellectuals of the entire world."

TOUGH TEST FOR LEAGUE LEADERS

TEL AVIV. — The start of the second half of the league football has the leaders — Hakoah of Ramat Gan — in a tough test away against the 4th-placed Petah Tikva Maccabi.
Both teams returned to winning form last week. Petah Tikva Maccabi has lost only one home game this season, and that was on the first day of the season. The Maccabi attack has scored more goals, 25, than any other in the National League, but only Marmorek Hapoel and Shimshon have let in more goals.
On the other hand the Hakoah defence record is the best in the country, having conceded only 10 goals in 15 games. Also, Zvi Farikas is expected back in the Hakoah side, which should greatly strengthen their attack. This game could swing either way.
At the Bloomfield Stadium, the championship aspirants, Tel Aviv Hapoel, entertain Jerusalem Hapoel. Both teams crashed badly last week, the Tel Avivians going down 4:1 at the same ground to Shimshon, while Jerusalem Hapoel suffered its first defeat after nine games in losing 3:0 against Haifa Hapoel.
One can never quite gauge the impact on the morale of players after such heavy defeats, but Tel Aviv Hapoel will surely be all out to regain the league leadership, which is within their grasp. Also home ground advantage may give Hakoah a morale boost. Mordkovich and Hazon the edge, as they have scored 24 goals to Jerusalem Hapoel's 14 this season.



no hesitation in forecasting a Jerusalem win, but on current form one is far less confident of Jerusalem's defence being able to hold Shimshon Cohen and Zweig. Sportoto punters should save on a draw.
An intriguing bottom-of-the-table encounter will be that of Marmorek Hapoel playing at home to Shimshon, heroes of last Saturday. Also Marmorek Hapoel scored a creditable win, beating Petah Tikva Hapoel 1:0. Marmorek Hapoel will be fighting to emerge from the foot of the table and their determination may enable them to save a point from the seemingly stronger Shimshon combination. X3 should be the marking on football coupons for this one.
You won't catch me again omitting a draw forecast for Kfar Saba Hapoel playing at home. Haifa Hapoel are visitors there this week, and with five draws in succession notched up by Kfar Saba so far, I see no reason why there should not be a draw this Saturday, in Kfar Saba.
Netanya Maccabi lost their first game in seven matches last week, 2:1 to Petah Tikva Maccabi. After a disastrous start to the season, it seems that the Netanya team are again finding their feet following the departure of star goalkeeper Mordechai Spiegel. Tel Aviv Maccabi miss Giora Spiegel just as much, and the team are only a shadow of last year's side. Home-ground advantage may just enable the Tel Avivians to pull through.
Only one punter managed to mark all 13 results correctly on the Sportoto coupon of last week. He was 20-year-old Avraham Sabagh, of Ramatayim, one of 10 children. The family immigrated three years ago from Casablanca, and is reported to be far from well-off. Mr. Sabagh's 111 futter brought him a tidy IL250,000.
The minimum payout this week will be IL300,000 for 13 correct results, and a total of IL600,000, in prize money.

Outstanding team

Jaffa Maccabi, whom this reporter rates as one of the outstanding teams in the country, play away against Haifa Maccabi. The Jaffa side has had some singular bad luck in recent weeks, crowned last week by an own goal that cost them at least one point against Hakoah.
Haifa Maccabi, in their last home game, beat Tel Aviv Maccabi 2:0 and held Jerusalem Betar to a goalless draw last week. It would suggest that the Haifa fans have regained their confidence. Although one cannot imagine Haifa Maccabi getting many goals against the very good Jaffa defence, they may, in their present form, manage to hold on to a point.
In the capital, the National League's two Betar clubs face each other. Tel Aviv Betar is another club that is playing with a lot more confidence these days, having trounced Petah Tikva Maccabi 3:0 and held Tel Aviv Maccabi to 1:1 last week.
Were this game to have been played last season one would have

Prize for film

BRUSSELS (INA). — The Israeli film, "I love you Rose," won first prize in the "Femina" movie contest held here last week.
The all-woman "Femina" jury praised the film for its "multiple qualities."
A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP, on the anniversary of the death of Leon Shiridan, who was killed by Arab terrorists on an El Al plane in Athens on December 26, 1968, was presented yesterday by Hanoach Bar-On, a fourth year Civil Engineering student at the Technion. Shiridan, a prominent marine engineer, was on his way to Argentina on a U.N. mission when he was struck down.

Tobacco firms sponsor probe on smoking

BOSTON (AP). — Harvard Medical School is launching a five-year investigation, sponsored by eight tobacco companies, that will probe the relationship between tobacco smoking and lung and heart disease, the school announced on Tuesday.
Researchers will study the effect of smoking on development of emphysema, bronchitis, lung cancer and heart and vascular diseases.
"While it is common knowledge that cigarette smoking has been alleged to be a major cause of these diseases, many other factors, not so well-publicized, may also be important," said one of the researchers, Dr. Gary Huber of Boston City Hospital.
"These include exposure to air pollutants, the genetic difference in host susceptibility, and so on. A direct causal relationship for any of these or other environmental factors has not been clearly demonstrated."
"Our proposal will provide a research programme relative to tobacco and health, one of whose goals is to provide contributions of significant data to help resolve some of the questions that now exist concerning the effects of cigarette smoking," Dr. Huber said.
Financing the \$2.5m. study are American Brands, Inc.; Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp.; Lorillard, Inc.; Liggett and Meyers, Inc.; Lorillard, Inc.; Philip Morris, Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.; U.S. Tobacco Co.; and Tobacco Associates, an association of tobacco growers.

Israel's rugby side picked

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Hebrew University's talented Barry Judelman will captain Israel in next week's rugby "test" against the Cyprus Lions, a British army team based on the island.
The Lions are due here on Tuesday for what will be the first rugby tour to Israel from abroad. The visitors will meet the national "B" team and the combined universities prior to their match against Israel at Ramat Gan next Saturday (January 6).
Judelman is one of ten settlers from South Africa among the squad of 17 players named for the "test" yesterday by selectors Ben, Camron and Cotter. The side also includes ex-Rumanian internationals, and players from Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand and the U.S.
In a warm-up for the games, Israel's first and second teams will meet on Saturday at the Ramat Gan Hapoel Stadium in Givatayim, kicking off at 11.30 a.m.

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Three-continent container ship due in Haifa ZIM'S 'LONG-LINE' SERVICE IN FULL OPERATION

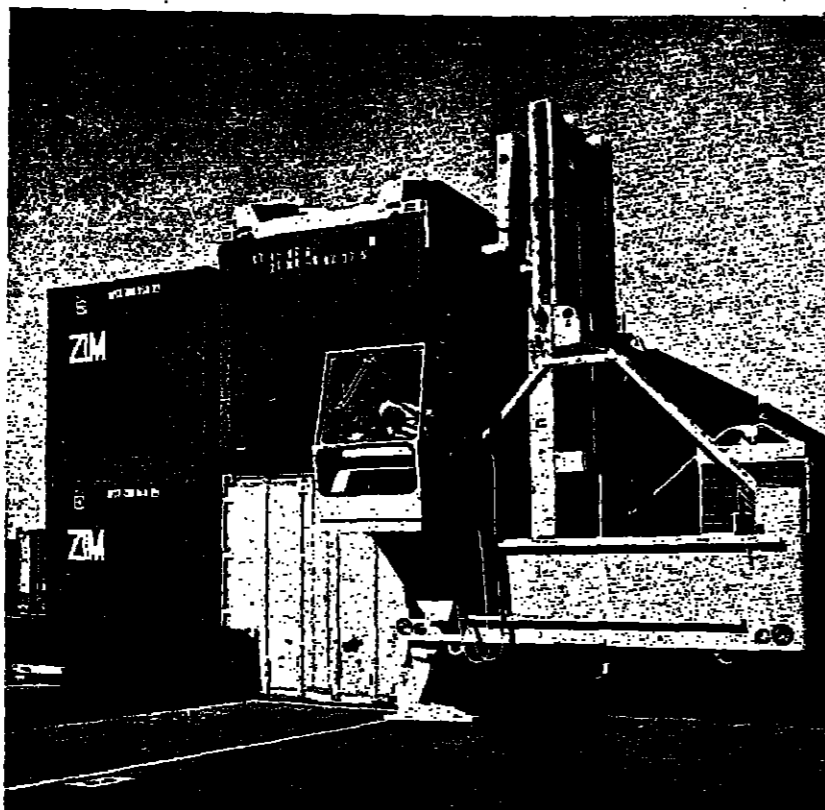
By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The 25,000-ton container ship Zim-Haifa is due to arrive from the U.S. on Saturday, marking the completion of the three-continent "Long-Line" route which was inaugurated March, when the first stretch of line — between Japan, Taiwan and Hongkong, and then to U.S. West and East Coasts and back — was sailed by the Zim-York.

Four of the six sister ships built for the route are in Haifa, the Zim-Haifa, Zim-Genoa, Zim-New York and Zim-Tokyo, were built at Italy's Alcan yard in Genoa. The line's other ships, being built in Germany, are ready next year. Zim has \$110m. on the container ships, another \$20m. on the building 90 aluminum containers, each long — between 23 knots. The container concept depends on fast turn-rounds, with quick discharging and loading.

The present "Long Line" are one sailing every three weeks. When the two additional are delivered, there will be a sailing every fortnight. The 208m-long ship is operated by a single crew, indicating the labor saving stater era "will bring about."

When the ship arrives, the port's 12m. gantry crane, brought from Belgium, is expected to be ready for the next "Long Line" arrival to complete cargo within 24 hours. The big ship is operated by a single crew, indicating the labor saving stater era "will bring about."



Zim containers in use at Ashdod.

Mr. Kashti "saw no reason" why Zim should not try to cash in on their good will to use an Israeli shipping company, provided it offers service as fast and efficient as other shippers on the route.

Zim is also promoting trade between intermediate ports and is extending container service to include Italy, Greece and Israel.

Some experts have already expressed second thoughts about the containerization concept, which, because of the massive investments involved, is pushing smaller companies out of the market. One of them, writing in the journal "Safety At Sea" earlier this year, quoted British harbor expert Richard Robert as saying that "within 20 years the container era will be at an end."

per cent of total sea transport, has 70 per cent of the damages." He concludes that "in spite of the bad forecasts as to future prospects, the owners continue to invest."

Mr. Kashti does not agree with this pessimistic prognosis. He said Zim's own nine-month-long experience had confirmed the view that Zim would have lost its place in the international freight market if it had failed to containerize in time.

OUR TESTS

Mr. Kashti said that containers had proved themselves so efficient in reducing damage and cargo theft that Zim had cancelled the post of claims officer for the line. Furthermore, insurance premiums for Zim had been slightly reduced, he said. He explained that damage to containerized cargoes occurred on conventional ships, which carry containers on their decks without being specifically fitted for the transport.

DOCK DISPUTE COSTING ZIM \$50,000 A MONTH

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The continuing refusal of Ashdod port dockers to operate container handling equipment is costing the Zim company, \$50,000 a month. The loss results from the extra 1,000 containers Zim has to hire and the slower turn-around of the ships, Zim General Manager Moshe Kashti told the press yesterday.

freighters, totalling 38,000 tons of cargo, which the company sold off during this year, and a 60,000-ton tanker, the m.s. Nora. Next year the company will sell off two or three more coasters, Mr. Kashti said.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Buoyant mood continues

TEL AVIV — The buoyant atmosphere continued yesterday's Stock Market session, especially in the recovery, which increased to IL2.7m. worth of shares, of which IL2.2m. was traded in the variables. Prices, however, were irregular, a result of the steep rises of the previous day and — or — some late year-end adjustments by investors who had over-bought.

L.D.B. Bankholding dropped 1 1/2 points to 286.5 (129,900). Hapoalim gained 8 points at 357 on record turnover of 235,500 bearer shares and 159,000 registered shares.

Nevertheless, the undertone was very firm, and a drop in some shares of two points, was counterbalanced by rises of 5 to 8 points in others.

Real estate was better one to two points on good volume. Industrial shares were irregular, Cold Storage up 5 1/2, Tsal up 5. Ala and Paper were down 2.

Olzar Letassia reached 525 after a rise of 6 points (12,900), while

Investment companies reversed their trend of the previous day, with Discount and Leumi slightly down, and Poalim and Cial up 3. Koor gained 5 points.

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Foreign Exchange

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Dollar, DM, Swiss Fr., French Fr., Lire, Belg. Fr., Dutch Fl., Yen, and Fine gold per ounce.

INTERBANK INTEREST RATES

Table showing interest rates for 3 Months, 6 Months, and 12 Months for Dollar, DM, and Swiss Fr.

Beware of buying farmland

V. — The Director-General for the Interior, Haim Kuniyev, said yesterday that he warned persons who had been duped by buyers — willing to pay "outrages" — into thinking they were buying the plots in the area of Rishon LeZion, Mazkeret Dera, Nes Ziona and Beit She'an.

to reporters at Beit Sorek, Mr. Kuniyev said the local authorities in the accumulated IL1,600m. — a figure which is expected to reach IL2,000m. next year.

Market floats aimlessly

NEW YORK (AP). — The Stock market floated aimlessly yesterday, with year-end tax selling roughly balanced by buying.

On the Big Board, declines held an edge over advances, with 784 stocks down and 625 up among the 1,790 issues exchanged in moderate-to-active trading.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Closing Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1972

group, propelled upward by record car sales in mid-December. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed the day up 0.98 to 1007.68.

At the American Stock Exchange, the price change index was off 0.03 to 28.18.

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Advertisement for TOUR VE'ALEH, featuring a large image of a ship and text about immigration and absorption services.

Labour disputes are not Government's business, Ben-Aharon argues

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon told a Jerusalem audience on Tuesday night that the Government should keep its nose out of labour disputes.

prices of consumer goods. To these, he replied by saying, "It was in the minority when the Alignment leadership decided to back Minister Haim Bar-Lev's price decontrol plan." True, price controls had not worked perfectly since their inception.

The Histadrut leader assailed those economists who argued that wage increases were the major factor in price increases. "They just don't know what they are talking about," he charged.

Women's pay PROMISE BY ALMOGI

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Labour Minister Yosef Almogi promised yesterday that the Government would do more to see that women got equal pay for equal work.

New Bank Leumi branch for central Jerusalem

Bank Leumi has opened a new branch on Kiryat Zion in Jerusalem, with special department for women, foreign residents and new immigrants.

Worst trade year in U.S. history

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. trade deficit took a sharp turn for the worse in November, mainly because of record-high imports, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

Worst trade year in U.S. history

The year is the worst in international commerce in the history of the U.S.

Large advertisement for TOUR VE'ALEH, detailing various programs, tours, and services for immigrants and tourists.

THE NORTH AIN'T SO HOT EITHER

The professional offenders

Egged in recent years has not enjoyed a favourable popular image. The reason, rightly or wrongly, lies in the general feeling expressed last month in an opinion poll that the members of the national bus cooperative, by virtue of their power, are able to earn exorbitant incomes. This had been deepened by recognition that these monies, supplied in part by government subsidy, are not returned to the public in commensurate standard of service.

ONE can't help noticing the wide grin which spreads on the world's face as it witnesses Henry Kissinger's failure to bring peace to the Far East. One dares say that many heaved a relieved sigh, because the achievements of the brilliant Jewish professor upset all those who dislike brilliant Jewish professors.

EPHRAIM KISHON expresses a personal view on Vietnam

than a week is considered a flop... Especially if it is waged for a democracy as corrupt and parasitic as that of General Thieu, if one is to believe the shocking disclosures of the AID Agency.

Damascus could learn a thing or two from them. Until now, Hanoi could claim that they were fighting foreign occupation. Now there are no foreign soldiers left in the South; the Yankies have gone home, minding the grapple which flounders wherever they appear.

Their war is utterly hopeless against the giant who begins to discover that he doesn't have to fight with his right arm held behind his back, because the Chinese and the Russians don't feel like intervening. And yet, the North Vietnamese Government maintains its popularity the world over and will maintain it until not a single whole roof is left over its inhabitants' heads, until their last bridge comes down, until all of North Vietnam goes underground, the tortured population in graveyards and the heroic leaders in bomb-proof bunkers.

And all this so that Vietnam should be Communist and not otherwise. Never before had a government brought such destruction on its governed as the North Vietnamese. This is the cruelest and most inhuman regime we have learned about, a clique completely indifferent to the suffering and pain of its citizens. Its place is in the dock of the war criminals, even if it fights a confused big power and its blundering satellite. Propaganda stays propaganda and graveyards stay just that.

Translated by Yohanan Goldman By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

Right now, the world press is paying him back for his vexing successes in China and Moscow. Public opinion is also up in arms against President Nixon who sends his bombers over Hanoi, and all-out scorn is heaped on the President of South Vietnam who refuses to sign an agreed peace that others had prepared for him in his absence.

Only one party is ill-white and pure: the Government of North Vietnam. The oppressors of this miserable land enjoy the sympathy due to a small nation fighting a big power, even if that big power is stupid way beyond comprehension. Frankly, there is no other way of describing our elder sister from across the ocean, who went into battle firmly resolved not to win, so as to earn good press reviews.

Just to avoid any misunderstandings, President Johnson declared in good time that his armies would never cross the border of North Vietnam. "Then why don't you say so?" asked the leaders of the North, and crossed the border of the South. The rest is history. General Giap's forces advanced midway to the Quang Tri enclave and even more nicely in New York and Los Angeles. The U.S. may credit itself with the most senseless war an elephant has ever waged against a gnat. In all sincerity, we must tell our sister that her haplessness borders on the criminal. The U.S. may hang its head in shame; it should have won the war in 10 days, instead it took 10 years to lose it. It is a fact well known to all powers that a local war which lasts longer

KEEPING POSTED

AN Israel Christmas story: A plane belonging to a foreign airline was checking out of Lod Airport on Christmas Eve. When the supervisor at the Control Tower had given his final instructions, he followed them up with "and a Merry Christmas to you."

mas share is "peace to men of good will," not peace and good will to all Fridays.



He was taken aback when the pilot's voice came back saying in pilot's Yiddish, "You can say a geytes shabbos to me instead..."

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VOTE BILL ATTACKED

Ha'aretz (non-party), criticising the bill for a revised method of distributing excess votes in the elections, asserts: "Admittedly there is no absolute justice on this issue. The question, however, is what method of distribution of excess votes most suits the wishes of the electors."

support for the terrorists." The paper voices concern at this "apparent kid-glove treatment of leftist countries." Davar (Eilatadut) says that Truman stood at the helm of the U.S. for eight fateful years, during which the U.S. became the leader of the free world, and curbed Communism.

Well were looking round Bethlehem to see what was new this year in the way of souvenirs. The only thing we found was a bunch of genuine crowns of thorns, hung unceremoniously on a hook outside a shop.

AN account of The Jerusalem Post, past and present, appeared in the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" on the occasion of our 40th anniversary, by that paper's Jerusalem correspondent, Moshe Tavor, who once upon a time also worked for The Post itself. He recalls the censoring in 1949, of a leading article in The Post on the significance of Christmas and Hanukka, written by a British cleric. This had annoyed the censor by pointing out that the proper version of the famous Christ-

men (however evil). Mr. Tavor then recalls that a year earlier a rather similar thing had happened to him in Prague, where he had edited a Jewish weekly. He had written about Hanukka, and the Gestapo censor had blue-pencilled the whole article. "You are writing about the battle against the Romans and you really mean the German Empire," the censor had explained.

A NOTE for Women's Lib: The Ouman wholesale shop in Tel Aviv says sourly to female custom-

DRIVER AWARDS

Readers' letters

DIVORCES

MAKING THE ROADS SAFER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—According to recent reports about 50-60 people a month are killed in Israel in traffic accidents. This is an intolerably high figure for a small country such as ours; obviously, our present safety measures are inadequate.

JERUSALEM BEAUTY SPOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—With the building of the platform for Hans Arp's decorative emblem-sculpture, "On the threshold of Jerusalem," and the sensitively thought-out landscaping and planting around it, a small, but exceedingly fine new beauty spot has been created in the centre of West Jerusalem (on King George Avenue). When the seven-storey building of the Tirat Bat-Sheva Hotel opposite went up three years ago, this also enhanced the look of the neighbourhood (which, up till then, had been a desert of sorts in the middle of town); this apparently prompted the final completion of another storey of the library wing of Yeshurun Synagogue. This corner, with the fine Ratisbonne Monastery as backdrop, helped turn a very unsatisfactory stretch of King George Avenue into a real beauty spot.

EDUCATING OUR EDUCATORS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—Cabinet Ministers and other public figures recently made statements to the effect that the reason for this country being so littered and dirty was simply lack of education, due to its population coming from so many different cultures. One can only hope that, having taken so long in arriving at this conclusion, those empowered to act will take rather less time to recognize that the foremost task will be to educate those who are entrusted with the education of our children. Many of our present teachers and educators simply lack the essential virtues of good citizenship. As for our future teachers, their standards are simply appalling. For instance, one need only pass by the Ramat Aviv Teacher Training College and watch its students unwrap chewing gum, peel oranges, crack sunflower seeds, etc., leaving a trail of litter in their wake. Why do the authorities propose to do them about the education of our present and future educators? Turning now to the question of how to educate the masses—both children and adult—more effectively, it is difficult to understand why, for example, more imaginative use, on a scale commensurate with the problem, has not been made of the mass media so far.

SOLUTION TO COHEN PROBLEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—The problem of marriage between a Cohen and divorcee is one of those problems which require either civil marriage, or a more elastic interpretation of Halacha. Now, the word divorcee is not the exact translation of gersusha. Divorce was not known in ancient times. What really happened was a unilateral repudiation of the unworthy wife by the husband, and gersusha means literally driven away. Our ancient sages were of the opinion that such a repudiated wife was not worthy to be the spouse of a Cohen—a priest officiating in the Temple. A modern divorcee is quite often granted because of the husband's guilt, so the divorcee has nothing with which to reproach herself. Nowadays, there is no high priest, any more officiating in the Temple, but something of the ancient custom remains. In all Orthodox synagogues, after Sabbath or Holiday prayers, the Cohanim present go to the Holy Ark, cover their faces with their shawls, and give their blessing to the community. Halacha re-

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